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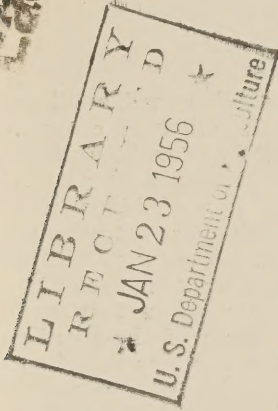
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This year we are featuring unbloomed seedling bulbs from more than 200 hand pollinated crosses. Twenty years of experimenting has taught us how to combine certain desirable traits, and our bulbs are producing many extremely fine seedlings in a wide assortment of colors. Remember that none of these seedlings have bloomed. Any worldbeater you may find among them is your own property, and you may register it as your origination, and dispose of it as you choose. Many of these bulbs were grown from crosses among our own seedlings which are outstanding. We also breed from many other varieties not included in our price list. The greatest thrill in glad growing lies in seeing these new varieties bloom for the first time, for they will differ in some respects from any other variety in the world. From our experience with customer response to our previous offerings of seedling bulbs we expect to make this the chief part of our business from now on. The quality of our be low. We strongly advise a trial order: Prices bulbs will always be high. Our prices will always on seedling bulbs are as follows.

Large 2 for .25, Medium 3 for .25; Small 4 for .25

Large 10 for \$1.00, Medium 10 for .65
Small 10 for .40

Large 100 for \$8.00, Medium 100 for \$4.50
Small 100 for \$3.00

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Prepaid prices on the following are

Large 2 for .25, Medium 3 for .25
Small 4 for .25

Large 10 for .90, Medium 10 for .65
Small 10 for .40

ABIGAIL Big, distinctive light lavender which has always been outstanding here. Opens 8 or more on a nice spike.

AMERICAN BEAUTY Nice growing soft rose shade like the very popular rose of the same name.

- ANNAMAE** Early white that is really white. An easy glad to grow for it is naturally straight.
- ASTRID** Topnotch rose with deeper throat. Rightly rated one of the best.
- AUREOLE** In our experience, one of the best yellows for all purposes. Well ruffled, and a straight grower of medium height.
- BOULOGNE** Similar to the older Burma in color, but opens more and is a taller grower in our garden.
- BLOEMFONTEIN** A tall; rugged and extremely pleasing light buff which we heartily recommend.
- BUCKEYE BRONZE** Unquestionably the best smoky bronze. Well ruffled, a fine grower and very popular.
- BOUTON d'OR** Golden yellow with a double row placement. A good yellow for commercial use.
- CARNIVAL** Brilliant bright red with large white blotch. Excellent.
- CHERBOURG** Tall growing, medium rose of a lively shade.
- CONCORD** Grape purple that is very early. Always tall and straight.
- COVER GIRL** Rose pink of pleasing shade. Opens a good number of blooms on a tall spike.
- DEBORAH SAMPSON** Pastel light buff on a strong growing plant. Ten open blooms is not uncommon. One of the best light pastels.
- DIEPPE** Wonderfully impressive salmon red. A topnotch glad.
- DOROTHY ARMSTRONG** Opens eight medium sized purple blooms on a long, wiry flowerhead. Fine showflower and a good commercial.
- D. V. deBRUIJN** Exceptionally tall, snow white blooms on heavy stem.
- ELIZABETH THE QUEEN** Most beautiful lavender. Ruffled and fluted blooms on a spike of medium height. Heavy show winner.
- ELMER'S ROSE** Outstanding bright rose. First class in all respects.
- ETHEL CAVE-COLE** Very early, large flowered light pink. A hard one to beat for an early commercial.
- EVANGELINE** Very light rosy buff. One of the tallest, and will open as many as ten blooms at once. Occasionally has misplaced florets.
- FAIR ANGEL** Early white. Well ruffled and well worth while.
- FIREBRAND** An early red that is outstanding here. Nice clear color and exceptionally good spikes. Medium and small bulbs only.
- FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE** Rated as one of the very best whites, but at is best from medium or large bulbs.
- FRIENDSHIP** This pink and white combination is one of the loveliest glads in commerce. A reliable and healthy grower.
- GAYLORE** Tall salmon with distinctive white throat. A fine commercial that everyone likes.

- GOLDEN ARROW** A reliable medium yellow which we grow in quantity for our cutflower trade.
- HARMAU** Nice growing salmon with deeper throat.
- HANS von MEEGREN** Real butter yellow. An early bloomer and an especially nice grower. One of our favorite yellows.
- HARRY HOPKINS** Fine, deep rose red on tall well balanced spikes.
- HEAVENLY WHITE** Blue white that is both unusual and good.
- JAVA** Another lively shade of yellow that is a bit different. Early and uniform in production.
- JEANIE** One of the best known and best liked pinks. Tall, large flowered and extra good.
- JUNE DAY** Salmon with red blotch in throat. One of the first to bloom, and valuable to the cut flower grower.
- J. W. KOYNENBURG** Brightest salmon red that one can imagine. Tall spikes and always well placed blooms.
- KESTRAL** Fine, large orange. Two tone effect that is very pleasing.
- KING DAVID** Midseason ruffled purple of King Lear color, but with more compact head. A mighty fine glad.
- KING LEAR** Ruffled and needlepoint purple which is quite striking. Our stock of it is especially healthy. Try it.
- LADY JANE** Beautiful deep cream that is almost a yellow. Always makes extra good spikes.
- LAVENDER QUEEN** Always straight lavender with deeper lavender fleckings on petal edges.
- LEADING LADY** Large creamy white that is one of the best.
- MANCHU** Oriental display of yellow and red. Tall, rugged and flashy. A unique color combination.
- MARGARET JEAN** Vivid orange on medium height plant. Distinctive.
- MASQUERADE** Brilliant yellow with deep red blotch. Makes up sensationally in sprays and baskets.
- MOTHER FISHER** Popular ruffled white that is well liked everywhere.
- MOUNTAIN GEM** The more of this deep red we grow, the better we like it. Nice color and a consistently good grower.
- MT. INDEX** Not many glads have as many good qualities as this clean white with bright yellow throat. It is extra good.
- MYRNA FAY** Extra early, tall lavender of medium shade. Valuable as an early commercial.
- ORIENTAL PEARL** Huge flowered cream. Florets often measures 8 inches. Tall erect spikes. Many times a blue ribbon winner.

- PHANTOM BEAUTY** Warm light pink which will open ten or more on a perfect spike. Extra nice.
- PANDORA** Very nice rosy buff which is always good.
- PARTHIENA** Rosy mauve. Large, ruffled florets on straight spikes.
- PICARDY** The old reliable pink which is still grown by millions.
- PRES. TRUMAN** Large flowered light pink that is winning a lot of blue ribbons wherever shown.
- PURPLE SUPREME** Extra tall, straight growing deep purple with a brilliant sheen.
- RHETT BUTLER** Very early, brilliant light red. Inclined to crook if planted late, but it makes a nice early commercial.
- ROSA van LIMA** Very early light pink with lighter throat. Tall straight, and a money maker for the cut flower grower.
- SHEHERAZADE** Yellow and red combination that is very striking. Tall, and very easy grower.
- SILVER WINGS** One of the best whites. Well ruffled, vigorous grower. Good placement and tall spikes. What more could one ask?
- SNOWBANK** Late, clear white that is an excellent commercial. Medium and small sizes only.
- SNOW PRINCESS** Early, brilliant white. A good white and valuable because of its earliness.
- SPOTLIGHT** For an all around yellow we like this better than any other yellow we grow. Not spectacular, but a mighty good glad.
- SPIC AND SPAN** In the brief time since its introduction this ruffled salmon pink has probably won more prizes than any other variety. Will open 10-12 blooms at once on an always straight spike. A really sensational glad. I have a very large stock of this and can quote special prices on lots of several thousands of any sizes. The bulbs are clean and healthy and unforced.
- STOPLIGHT** Brilliant red that is always good in our gardens.
- STORMY WEATHER** The best smoky we have ever grown, and the only one which we thought was beautiful. Very much worth while.
- SUSQUEHANNA** This clear buff will easily open ten blooms on an always straight spike. Extra fine
- TRUELOVE** Very lovely clear pink on moderately tall spikes. Early and reliable.
- WESTERN STAR** Buff sport of Picardy which has all the good qualities of that variety plus some of its own.
- WHITE GODDESS** Intensely ruffled pure white. Usually produces some of the best spikes in our garden, but is temperamental.
- YELLOW HERALD** Money making, tall growing and very early yellow that is a standard with cut flower growers.

COLLECTIONS

In each collection of 100 bulbs I will use at least 50 varieties, packaged to your order in any combination of colors you may choose. This is an unlabelled collection and will contain several bulbs of still newer varieties which as yet we do not grow in quantities large enough to list separately. We grow more than 200 named varieties. This assortment of clean, healthy bulbs will give you the utmost in value and growing pleasure. Prepaid prices are as follows. Large \$6.00 per 100, or \$3.50 per 50. Medium \$4.00 per 100, or 50 for \$2.50. Small \$2.50 per 100. With each order of \$5.00 or more I will include a bulb of one of my seedlings yet to be introduced, and worth at least \$2.00.

SPECIALS

LAVENDER GLORY My own introduction. Col. Harold E. Small writes, "THE LAVENDER GLORY YOU SENT ME IS IN BLOSSOM. 75 INCH FIELD HEIGHT, AND IT STANDS UP STRAIGHT WITH NO SUPPORT. 31 INCH FLOWERHEAD. 6 INCH FLORETS, EXCELLENT PLACEMENT AND ATTACHMENT, AND GOOD SUBSTANCE. I THINK IT IS A MUCH PRETTIER FLOWER THAN SORRY IT WAS TOO LATE FOR THE BOSTON SHOW. 7 OPEN, 7 IN COLOR AND 6 GREEN BUDS TODAY. IT IS TOPS."

PRICES: Large \$1.00, 10 for \$8.00, Medium .75, 10 for \$6.00, Small .50, 10 for \$4.00. Bulblets 10 for \$1.00, 100 for \$8.00. Grower's unit. 4 large, 6 medium, 10 small, 100 bulblets for \$15.00.

RICHLAND ROSE A very lovely and distinctive glad of soft rose shade. Makes up beautifully in arrangements. Was champion vase in the 1954 Maine Gladiolus Show. Blooms in late midseason when rose shades are scarce. Large .50, 10 for \$4.00, Medium .35, 10 for \$2.75, Small .25, 10 for \$2.00, Bulblets 25 for \$1.00.

SHIPPING

Unless otherwise specified, we hold all orders until it is safe to ship in spring; usually about mid March. Excessive shipping charges make it unprofitable to accept orders for less than \$2.50, and please do not order any single item for less than 20 cents. If you want to pay postal charges, just write on your order blank "I will refund postage;" and I will include extra bulbs of your choice for at least double the shipping charges.

Thanks a million for all the fine orders you sent us in 1955. We wish you the best of everything for 1956, and may your garden give you a new thrill each morning. Happy growing.

P. S. Look for "The Planned Garden" in the Maine Gladiolus Society's yearbook.

